

HOME NEWS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Examination of counterfeiters before Commissioner Shields.
Goethe Society annual dinner, Hotel Brunswick, evening.
Amateur Athletic Union boxing tournament, Metropolitan Opera House, 8 p. m.
Dinner to Judge O'Gorman, Lotus Club, evening.
Teachers' Bazaar, Lenox Library.
Charity Dolls' Fair, "The Judge" Building.
End of year's fast in hall in Koster & Bial's Building.
Lectures on Schütz's lecture before United Service Club, 8 p. m.
American Meteorological Society, Columbia College, 2 p. m.
Frederick A. Ober's free lecture, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.
Lecture by Dr. E. G. Sillier, Columbia College, 11:30 a. m.
Companies B and F, 7th Regiment, baseball match, Armory, 8 p. m.

NEW YORK CITY.

The public schools of New-York will close for the holidays on December 24.

The semi-annual entrance examinations of the National Conservatory of Music of America will take place at the Conservatory, Nos. 126 and 128 East Seventeenth, beginning on Monday, January 5.

Sheriff Gorman informed six of Sheriff Stille's deputies yesterday that they were to be retained. These were Sachem Joel O. Stevens, James Carragher, James Young, John M. Tracy, John Fox and Thomas Murphy. The law allows the sheriff twelve deputies for \$2,500 a year.

City Paymaster Timmerman will begin the payment of election inspectors, poll clerks, ballot clerks and landlords of polling-places on Monday at 10 a. m. The disbursements will be made at the paymaster's office, No. 35 Readest.

A letter was sent to Mayor Grant recently, signed by J. Hansen Rhodes and other citizens of Madison-ave., living near Sixty-seventh, complaining of the way the Fourth-ave. Railroad Company is sending the new asphalt pavement in Madison-ave., to the annoyance of residents and pedestrians. The answer of the company was received at the Mayor's office yesterday, saying that the sand was necessary to give their horses a sure footing in cold weather. The Mayor referred the subject to Corporation Counsel Clark.

Joseph J. Little was yesterday appointed Commissioner of Common Schools by Mayor Grant, in place of E. Ellery Anderson. Mr. Anderson declined on the ground that he could not take the time necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of School Commissioner from his private business. Mr. Little is a Tammany Hall man, and a member of the firm of J. J. Little & Co., printers, No. 10 Astor Place.

Mayor Grant will send a representative to Albany to attend the meeting of the Army Commission, which is to consider the question of deepening the Hudson River below Troy.

Collector Erhardt yesterday imposed a fine of \$100 on the captain of the British steamer Saint Pancras, who, from Liverpool, for unloading powder when not complying with the laws of anchorage.

The lecture this week in the Cooper Union free Saturday-night course will be delivered by Frederick A. Ober, of Boston, on "Spain and Spanish Cities," with lantern illustrations.

An alarm called the citizens to the ten-story flat-house, No. 21 Madison-ave., at 4:20 a. m. yesterday, but their apprehensions were allayed when the janitor said that their services were not needed. Some tar on the roof had caught fire and had burned, without doing serious damage.

Twenty-eight young men presented themselves at 8 o'clock last evening to undergo the physical examination for candidates for the West Point cadetship in the VIIIth Congress District. The examination was held in the courtroom of the Second District by Drs. John T. Nagle, J. F. Keefe and M. B. Feeney. At a late hour the examination had not been finished.

The Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley delivered a lecture last night in Association Hall to a good-sized audience, mainly of young men. He attacked with a ringing fire of anecdote and witicism all superstitions prevalent to-day.

The milk-store belonging to John Van Winkle, at No. 396 West Twenty-sixth-st., was broken into early yesterday morning and robbed of a small sum of money. This is the fourth time that this store has been robbed within the last year.

The approaching holidays cause higher prices for roses, especially for the larger varieties, including American Beauties and Mecoris. Florists say that orders for decoration are not coming in as freely as is customary at this time, but they expect a reasonable business, considering some retrenchment attending tight money.

At Association Hall, Twenty-third-st., and Fourth-ave., to-morrow at 3 p. m. E. Twelford, chairman of the French branch Y. M. C. A., will address young men on "The American vs. the Foreign Sabbath." Admission will be by ticket, to be obtained at the office. All young men are welcome.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

DAT NURSERIES CONDUCTED BY THE CITY MISSION AND TRACT SOCIETY.

One of the most interesting departments of city mission work is to be found in the day nurseries which are carried on by the Woman's Branch of the City Mission and Tract Society. In these institutions the children of working parents are cared for during the day, and wholesomeness and kindly influences substituted for the neglect and want in which many of them live.

The Virginia Nurses, at No. 622 East Fifteenth-st., and the Memorial Nurses, at No. 275 First Broadway, have been in operation for several years, accommodating about fifty children each. The Hope Nursery was opened at No. 22 Thompson-st., in 1885, but its quarters proving too small it was removed to a building provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dodge at No. 20 Madison-ave., and by them renamed the Jewell. The house was thoroughly renovated and was ready to receive the children of the neighborhood in August last. The children admitted are from one to six years old. A fee of 5 cents a day is charged to the mothers who bring them, but this is remitted in cases of extreme poverty. The little ones are fed, washed and amused through the day by the attendants in charge. After dinner they are put to sleep in clean, fresh beds on the second floor, and at eight o'clock to their homes. About thirty children are now cared for daily at the nursery, and none can be accommodated.

Yesterday the friends of the poor were invited to visit the new nursery from 3 to 6 p. m. Mrs. A. H. Brown, the chairman of the nursery committee of the society, received the guests, and the Rev. Dr. McIlvane made a prayer and short address. The movement of the building continues the dining-room and kitchen. A bright airy playroom occupies most of the floor above, with the entrance hall and a neat back room. The matron has her parlor on the second floor, with the sleeping rooms, and on the fourth floor are bedrooms for the nurses. At the back of the house a paved yard, with one end fenced and roofed over, gives an outdoor playground. The whole establishment is as bright and clean as any winter can make it.

Among the visitors yesterday were Dr. and Mrs. Edward McIlvane, Mrs. William Peet, Mrs. Frank Porter, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. William Ober and Mrs. Frank Porter.

A KEY WEST SINK FOR CAPITAL.

Charles J. Canda, James B. Metcalf, James A. Wade, Ferdinand E. Canda and John A. Wadeff were organized a company under the name of the Key West Investment Company. A meeting of the trustees named, with William Hinman, was held yesterday and the following officers elected: Charles J. Canda, president; James A. Wadeff, treasurer, and William Hinman, secretary. The capital of the company is \$300,000.

Mr. Canda and several of the trustees when seen yesterday refused to say anything about the objects of the company, declaring it to be private business. The scheme which the company has on hand was described as follows by its chief promoter, Mr. Wadeff: "There is a chain of leys extending from Cape Florida to Key West, a distance of 120 miles, and the water is so shallow that one can wade nearly the whole distance. This company owns seven cigar factories and many stores and buildings in Key West, and business under this plan would never stop, we are told. We are going to build a railroad from New-York to Key West, along the Indian River, across to Port West, then to Elliott Key and so on those keys and piles to the city."

Local outsiders suggest that when the company finishes its Key West plant, that should help the English Channel and drain the Everglades.

AN ASSOCIATION OF HOP DEALERS FORMED.

A Hop Exchange, or, more properly speaking, an association of hop dealers, has just been incorporated with the following officers: Albert Leibenthal, president; John R. Scott, vice-president; A. A. Simmonds, treasurer, and H. F. Fox, secretary.

The principal object of the company will be to collect official figures relative to the hop crop and to

regulate prices. A meeting of the trustees will be held on Wednesday next in the Produce Exchange, at which the committees will report and the selection of club-rooms be made.

It was reported yesterday that the English hop crop was a small one, which would tend to raise prices.

THE COURTS.

THE JURY THINKS HER VIOLIN COST TOO MUCH.

The suit of Mand Powell against Victor S. Fletcher, to recover \$500 which she paid Fletcher for a violin, resulted in a verdict of \$450, yesterday in favor of Miss Powell. Miss Powell had got the instrument from Fletcher over three years ago. She declared that he represented to her that the instrument was a "Dufoufouge" and worth \$750. She gave him \$675 and a violin for which she paid \$175 for the instrument in question. Afterward she learned that Fletcher had bought the violin for \$400, and she brought the present suit, upon the ground of fraudulent representation. The case was practically finished on Thursday. Yesterday the counsel summed up and Chief Judge Daly in the Court of Common Pleas charged the jury. He told the jurymen that the burden of proof rested upon the plaintiff, first to prove by the guarantee by Fletcher that the violin was a "Dufoufouge," and second, that he represented the instrument to be worth more than it really was worth, and third that he made such representations knowing them to be false. If they answered all these questions in the affirmative, then they must find a verdict for the plaintiff, for the difference between the real value of the violin and the price paid for it by Miss Powell.

According to the verdict brought in the jury valued the violin at \$65.

ELEVATED ROAD SUITS A NUISANCE.

The case of Amos R. Emo against the elevated railroad, in which Mr. Emo's counsel, United States District Attorney Mitchell, asks for an absolute injunction against the railroad, came up again before Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court yesterday. Justice Andrews repeated what he had said before, that the elevated railroad had built its structure as it was authorized to do by law. The courts had since declared that the railroad had trespassed upon the rights of the property owners by shutting off light, air and access, and it must pay for doing so. He said that the railroad suits were blocking the courts and preventing thousands of litigants from having their cases tried out.

Mr. Mitchell insisted upon trying the question of his right to an absolute injunction and his case will be set down for trial some day in the near future.

TRYING TO FIX A RENT PRICE.

Judge Beach, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday signed an order giving the Consolidated Telegraph and Electrical Subway Company leave to amend its answer in the injunction suit brought against the company by a number of electric light companies. The amendment is said to be an offer to lower the rents now charged by the subway company. The suit grew out of a threat on the part of the subway company to cut out the wires in the subways used by the electric light companies unless the rent was paid. The companies refused to pay the rent, because they alleged that it was too high. They then secured a temporary injunction against the subway company requiring it from cutting the wires until the court could fix a proper and reasonable rate or pass upon the question of whether or not the amount then charged was a reasonable rent. The papers filed thus far do not say what the new rate will be.

SEEKING PAY FOR THE DAMAGE.

The United States District Court has been called on to investigate the collision which took place on December 6 at Sandy Hook between the French steamer La Champagne and the British vessel Lisbonne. Contest brothers yesterday filed a bill in the U. S. Circuit Court against the Lisbonne to recover \$10,000 on account of the damage done to the Champagne. The complaint alleges that the French steamer stopped her engines and backed at full speed when it was seen that a collision was imminent, but that the Lisbonne dashed across the path of the French ship at full speed, and did a great deal of damage. The Lisbonne, it is charged, did not stop even though she had needed assistance, but continued on its way to this city.

It is said that La Champagne may yet have to be placed in the drydock.

DAMAGES FROM HER DENTIST FOR LUNG TROUBLE.

Miss Emma S. A. Gore went to the office of Charles H. Stewart and Samuel P. Sharp, dentists, on October 11, 1888, to have a tooth pulled. She took gas, and when she recovered consciousness the tooth was gone, she began to be troubled with her lungs shortly afterward and experienced violent fits of coughing. Four or five months later she brought up a piece of the tooth which the dentist had pulled. She alleged that the dentist's procedure injured her health, and she brought a suit against Stewart & Sharp for \$10,000. A jury before Judge O'Dwyer in the Superior Court yesterday brought in a verdict in her favor for \$1,200.

TESTIMONY IN LOTTERY LITIGATION.

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RITES OF LEGAL NEWS.

Mrs. Anna Clyde, of No. 325 West Forty-third-st., warned Charles McAvoy, a sharp-dressed, on October 11, 1888, to have a tooth pulled. She took gas, and when she recovered consciousness the tooth was gone, she began to be troubled with her lungs shortly afterward and experienced violent fits of coughing. Four or five months later she brought up a piece of the tooth which the dentist had pulled. She alleged that the dentist's procedure injured her health, and she brought a suit against Stewart & Sharp for \$10,000. A jury before Judge O'Dwyer in the Superior Court yesterday brought in a verdict in her favor for \$1,200.

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